

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer death in women and the deadliest of all gynecological cancers; and

**WHEREAS,** in cases where ovarian cancer is found and treated in its earliest stages, the 5-year survival rate is approximately 90%, with early detection and treatment often meaning the difference between life and death; and

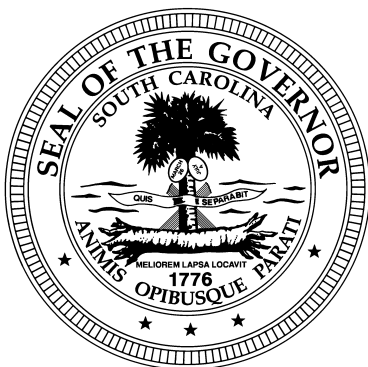
**WHEREAS,** unfortunately, most women who suffer from this cancer are not diagnosed until it has become more advanced because currently there is no reliable screening test and symptoms may be easily confused with other diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to learn more about the causes and warning signs of this deadly disease so that we can detect it early and treat it effectively.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2004 as

### OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of and promote continued research into the causes and cure of ovarian cancer.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**